

Patent claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED, IS

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- 5 1. Voice control system with a microphone array comprising a plurality of microphones for converting voice commands into electrical signals, and with a central speech recognition unit for converting these electrical signals into operational commands, **characterized** in that the microphones are distributed
 - 10 between different appliances which are connected to one another in such a way that the signals generated by the microphones can be transmitted to the central speech recognition unit.
 2. System according to Claim 1, **characterized** in
 - 15 that the appliances are connected via a bidirectional network.
 3. System according to Claim 2, **characterized** in that the bidirectional network is based on an IEEE 1394 bus.
 - 20 4. System according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that one or more microphones are integrated in a consumer electronics reproduction appliance, in particular television set, and one or more further microphones are integrated in external loudspeakers.

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